



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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**TO:.** The Record  
Health Facilities Advisory Committee (HFAC)  
Members

**FROM:** Recording HFAC Secretary

**SUBJECT:** July 10, 1996, Meeting

**Members and Attendance:**

CAPT Kenneth Harper, Chairman, ES-Seattle\*\*  
CAPT Jay Farmwald, Vice-Chairman, IHS/Alaska Area\*  
RADM Thomas Gallegos, Member, ES-Dallas\*\*  
CAPT Dennis Taylor, Member, IHS/Albuquerque Area  
Office\*\*  
CAPT Gary McFarland, Member, IHS/Billings Area  
Office\*\*  
CAPT George Byrns, Member, IHS HQ/DEH\*  
CAPT Kerry Gragg, Member, IHS/California Area Office\*  
Mr. William Johnson, Member, IHS HQ/DFM\*  
Mr. James Biasco, Member, IHS HQ/DFPC\*  
Mr. Henry Cruz, Recording Secretary, IHS HQ/DFPC  
CAPT Gordon Wilcox and Mr. Gerald Inglett, Guests,  
ES-Dallas  
LCDR Dennis Taddy, Mr. William Smith and Mr. Joseph  
Corliss, Guests, IHS HQ/DFPC  
Mr. Jesse Sintes, Guest, IHS HQ/DFM

(\* - voting members present)  
(\*\*- voting members not present due to previous  
commitment)

**Introductions:**

Meeting via conference call started 12:05 PM. Total  
present: 12 with 5 voting members. Minutes of the  
June 5, 1996, meeting were approved.

## Items discussed:

CAPT Farmwald asked the HFAC members if they received their agenda for July 10, 1996, meeting. CAPT Gragg had not received his copy. CAPT Farmwald briefly read the agenda.

### I. Old Business:

- (1) P-38, Interim Life Safety Measures - Mr. Johnson invited Mr. Sintes to discuss the interim life safety measures. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the proposed guidelines should be included in the A/E's Guide. CAPT Wilcox disagreed with the suggestion and he indicated that these guidelines should be issued as HFAC policy. A motion was made by CAPT Farmwald, seconded by CAPT Byrns, and was voted in favor by the HFAC members present, to develop guidelines for this issue. CAPT Farmwald assigned Mr. Johnson to take the lead in developing these guidelines.
- (2) P-3, A/E's Guide - CAPT Farmwald asked the HFAC members if they are ready to adopt the A/E's Guide. The IHS HQ reviewers who were present at this meeting expressed concerns that their comments were not included in the A/E's Guide. CAPT Wilcox assured them that he will correct the final draft by incorporating their comments and a corrected final draft will be reissued on July 19, 1996 for distribution to HFAC members and others. CAPT Wilcox indicated that any additional comments should be forwarded to ES-Dallas within two weeks of receipt of the corrected final draft. CAPT Farmwald had indicated that the final vote to adopt the A/E's Guide will be deferred until the August 7, 1996, meeting.
- (3) Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) - Inadvertently excluded in the agenda for July 10, 1996, meeting. However, CAPT Farmwald had asked the status of the AHJ. He was told that a draft copy was given to CAPT Harper, and a working draft is being finalized by IHS HQ/DFPC staff which will be submitted to the Associate Director of the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering for his approval. A signed copy will be mailed to the HFAC members at a later date.

- (4) Tribal representation - Inadvertently excluded in the agenda for July 10, 1996, meeting and there was no discussion on this issue.

## II. New Business:

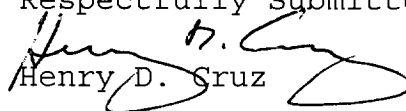
- (1) P-22, On Site Incineration - CAPT Byrns indicated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an interim rule on incineration. CAPT Byrns will give a brief presentation on the EPA's interim rule at the August 7, 1996, meeting. Discussion on this issue will be deferred pending the EPA's final rule on incineration.
- (2) P-34, Darkroom Ventilation - CAPT Byrns briefly discussed this issue. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by CAPT Farmwald, seconded by Mr. Biasco, and was voted in favor by the HFAC members present, to develop guidelines for this issue. CAPT Farmwald assigned CAPT Byrns to take the lead in developing the guidelines.

## III. Other Issues:

- (1) CAPT Byrns proposed two issues and they were electronically mailed (e-mailed) to the HFAC members before the July 10, 1996, meeting. The two issues are: environmental and occupational monitoring, and sprinklers. Comments received from RADM Gallegos were read, followed by a brief discussion. The general consensus among the HFAC members is to develop separate guidelines on the two issues. CAPT Gragg suggested that we should ask the assistance of the ES-Dallas and Seattle since they have dealt with these issues. CAPT Farmwald assigned Mr. Biasco and CAPT Harper to take the lead in developing these guidelines.
- (2) CAPT Farmwald indicated that the HFAC agenda should be forwarded to all Area Facilities Engineers beginning with the August 7, 1996, meeting.
- (3) Next Meeting - August 7, 1996, 12:00 noon, Eastern Time.

IV. Meeting was closed at 1:20 PM, Eastern Time.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Henry D. Cruz

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ES-Seattle

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